

Remarks

In the Office Action dated September 20, 2007, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one of the following sets of claims for prosecution in this application:

Group I, consisting of claims 68-88;

Group II, consisting of claims 89-109; or

Group III, consisting of claims 110-119.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, consisting of claims 68-88.

By this paper, Applicants have cancelled claims 85-87 and 89-119 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any of claims 89-119 in one or more divisional applications at a later time.

Also by this paper, Applicants have added new claims 120-124 to provide an additional scope of protection. Inasmuch as each of the new claims depends ultimately from claim 68, Applicants submit that such claims are appropriate for examination together with the rest of the claims belonging to Group I. Support for the new claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

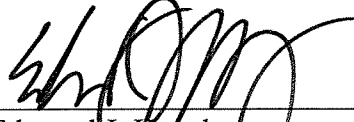
Applicants also have amended the title of the invention to reflect the election of Group I.

Accordingly, claims 68-84, 88, and 120-124 are pending in this application. Claim 68 is the only independent claim.

Applicants submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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